

son be rendered incompetent to give evidence in any court of law or equity in consequence of his opinion upon the subject of religion.

ARTICLE 2.

On Name and Boundaries.

§ 1. This state shall be called and known by the name of the State of Minnesota, and shall consist of and have jurisdiction over the territory embraced in the following boundaries, to wit: Beginning at the point in the centre of the main channel of the Red River of the north, where the boundary line between the United States and the British Possessions crosses the same; thence up the main channel of said river to that of the Bois des Sioux River; thence up the main channel of said river to Lake Traverse; thence up the centre of said lake to the southern extremity thereof; thence in a direct line to the head of Big Stone Lake, thence through its centre to its outlet; thence by a due south line to the north line of the state of Iowa; thence east along the northern boundary of said state to the main channel of the Mississippi River: thence up the main channel of said river and following the boundary line of the state of Wisconsin, until the same intersects the St. Louis River; thence down the said river to and through Lake Superior, on the boundary line of Wisconsin and Michigan, until it intersects the dividing line between the United States and British Possessions; thence up Pigeon River and following said dividing line to the place of beginning.

2. The state of Minnesota shall have concurrent jurisdiction on the Mississippi and on all other rivers and waters bordering on the said state of Minnesota, so far as the same shall form a common boundary to said state, and any other state or states now or hereafter to be formed by the same; and said river and waters, and navigable waters leading into the same, shall be the common highways, and forever free, as well to the inhabitants of said state as to other citizens of the United States, without any tax, duty, impost or toll therefor.

3. The propositions contained in the act of Congress entitled "An act to authorize the people of the territory of Minnesota to form a constitution and state government preparatory to their admission into the Union on an equal footing with the original states," are hereby accepted, ratified and confirmed, and shall remain irrevocable without the consent of the United States; and it is hereby ordained that this state shall never interfere with the primary disposal of the soil within the same, by the United States, or with any regulations Congress may find necessary for securing the title to said soil to *bona fide* purchasers thereof; and no tax shall be imposed on land belonging to the United States, and in no case shall non-resident proprietors be taxed higher than residents.

ARTICLE 3.

Distribution of the Powers of Government.

§ 1. The powers of government shall be divided into three distinct departments, the legislative, executive and judicial; and no person or persons belonging to or constituting one of these departments